Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Dec 2020 at 14:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of drier conditions in the east on Saturday. High confidence for cold and occasionally showery weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 26 Dec 2020: Very windy with heavy rain and summit blizzards. Driest in the northeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** High Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	40%	00%	50%	60%	80%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Weather: Extensive cloud across all ranges through the day. Persistent heavy rain, and blizzards above 800 to 100 metres, are expected across the west of the region in the morning. Roughly east of the A9 the morning will see some drier conditions, but rain and, with some heavy snow above 800 metres, will develop here through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some breaks northeast of Aviemore in the morning, otherwise low cloud down to 600 metres expected to be extensive throughout.

Visibility: Good in the morning in the east, otherwise rather poor in rain and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/49 W	41/54 W	43/58 SW	47/63 SW	52/71 SW	49/68 SW	45/62 SW	35/49 SW	30/43 SW
900	34/43 W	36/46 SW	39/51 SW	43/56 SW	49/65 SW	47/63 SW	43/57 SW	32/44 SW	29/40 SW
600	21/30 SW	25/35 SW	27/38 SW	29/42 SW	34/50 SW	33/48 SW	29/44 SW	21/34 SW	20/31 SW
300	9/22 SW	14/30 SW	14/31 SW	17/36 SW	20/43 SW	20/43 SW	18/39 SW	14/31 SW	13/28 SW
Glen	5/24 SW	4/21 SW	5/24 SW	7/28 SW	9/35 SW	8/33 SW	8/31 SW	6/24 SW	6/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-3/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-6/-15
900	-1/-9	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-10	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-11
600	2/-4	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	-0/-7
300	3/-0	3/-1	3/-2	3/-2	4/-1	4/-2	3/-2	2/-3	2/-3
Glen	4/1	4/1	3/0	4/-0	5/0	4/-0	4/-1	2/-2	2/-2
Freezing Level*	700m	800m	800m	800m	900m	800m	800m	700m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very hazardous winter conditions developing across most summits by afternoon. Gusts to 80 mph possible over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Weather: Some sunshine and occasional showers, these most likely across Rannoch Moor, Creag Meagaidh and the Monadhlaith. Some good spells of dry weather expected in the east including Cairngorm. Surfaces are expected to be icy following Saturday's rain at lower elevations.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds gusting to around 30 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%. Cloud lowering to 650 metres as showers pass by, otherwise summits mostly cloud free especially in the east.

Visibility: Generally very good with good air clarity.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to plus 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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